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TAGS: OVIP, SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, EVENING, WEDNESDAY,
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WIRES:

(1) UPI (ANDERSON) -- HAK CRUISED DOWN CONGO RIVER WITH
MOBUTO WEDNESDAY, DISCUSSING U.S. SUPPORT FOR BLACK MAJORITY
RULE IN RHODESIA AND ECONOMIC AID TO IMPOVERISHED ZAIRE.

BEFORE 4-HOUR "WORKING CRUISE" SECRETARY MET PRIVATELY WITH
MOBUTO, REGARDED AS MODERATE VOICE ON CONTINENT ALIVE WITH
CLAMOR FOR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST RHODESIA'S WHITE REGIME.

BOAT TRIP FOLLOWED DISCLOSURE THAT KISSINGER (RPT, KISSINGER)
ON FOURTH LEG OF WHAT WAS PLANNED AS A SEVEN-NATION AFRICAN
TOUR, CANCELLED A SCHEDULED TRIP TO GHANA BECAUSE OF ALLEGED
SOVIET-INSPIRED STUDENT UNREST IN THAT WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY.

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SECRETARY HAD BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY WITH NGUZA THEN JOINED
MOBUTO ABOARD RIVERBOAT KAMAYOLA.

OFFICIALS GAVE NO IMMEDIATE DETAILS OF THE TALKS. BUT

ZAIRE OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE EXPECTED TO CONCENTRATE ON AFRICAN CAMPAIGN FOR BLACK RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND POSSIBLE U.S. AID FOR ZAIRES RECESSION-STRICKEN ECONOMY.

(2) AP (SCHWEID) -- BLACK AFRICANS CHALLENGED KISSINGER TO MAKE GOOD ON HIS PLEDGE OF OPPOSITION TO WHITE MINORITY REGIMES TODAY WHILE U.S. OFFICIALS CONSIDERED A PROTEST TO MOSCOW OVER GHANA'S CANCELLATION . . .

KISSINGER'S PROMISE OF UNRELENTING OPPOSITION TO WHITE RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA "IS NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR ACTION," TANZANIA'S GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPER SAID. "FOR AMERICA TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, THEREFORE, AFRICA WILL HAVE TO SEE, AND SEE QUICKLY, CONCRETE AMERICAN ACTION."

TANZANIA COMMENT AGREED GENERALLY WITH SKEPTICAL REACTION FROM BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS FOLLOWING KISSINGER'S SPEECH. IN SOUTH AFRICA REACTION WAS HARSHER. LEADING OPPOSITION M.P. TOLD HAK TO "GO TO HELL" AND STOP TRYING TO BLACKMAIL SOUTH AFRICA. (FULLER QUOTE FOLLOWS: WE WILL BRING ABOUT CHANGE BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT. . .)

IN KINSHASA, A MEMBER OF KISSINGER'S STAFF SAID A FORMAL PROTEST TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS CONTEMPLATED IN CONNECTION WITH CANCELLATION. "WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE BEEN AGITATING WITH THE GHANAIAI GOVERNMENT AND WITH GHANAIAI STUDENTS OVER THE VISIT," HE SAID. OFFICIAL REASON FOR CANCELLATION, CABLED TUESDAY FROM ACCRA BY AMBASSADOR BLACK, WAS ACHEAMPONG WAS SICK. KISSINGER MIGHT ASK MRS. BLACK TO MEET HIM IN LIBERIA ON FRIDAY TO GIVE HIM A REPORT ON SITUATION IN GHANA, OFFICIALS SAID. TOUR NOW COVERS SIX INSTEAD OF SEVEN COUNTRIES.

(3) REUTERS (NELSON) -- KISSINGER OFFERED GOOD OFFICES OF U.S. TONIGHT IN POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS TO SECURE SWIFT BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. QUOTES KISSINGER SAYING U.S. "WILLING TO ASSIST THE PARTIES, INsofar AS THEY RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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QUEST IT, TO BRING ABOUT THE RESULTS MENTIONED IN MY LUSAKA SPEECH -- RAPID ACHIEVEMENT OF MAJORITY RULE AND GUARANTEES OF MINORITY RIGHTS."

QUOTE CONTINUES: "IF PARTIES ASKED US TO BE HELPFUL, WE WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE THAT VERY SERIOUSLY," HE TOLD PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY. TONIGHT, WHILE MAKING HIS OFFER IN PRINCIPLE, HE MADE IT PLAIN HE HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLAN OF BEGINNING THE KIND OF PERSONAL NEGOTIATIONS HE HAS PURSUED IN THE MIDDLE EAST OVER THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS. QUOTES "NOR AM I SAYING THAT I PERSONALLY WILL BE THE PARTY CONDUCTING THE GOOD OFFICES."

HE SAID U.S. WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE REACTION FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA BEFORE IT CAN DECIDE HOW TO BE USEFUL." KISSINGER ALSO REGRETTED "CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES" HAVE APPLIED PRESSURE ON GHANA TO CANCEL HIS VISIT THERE. . . SECRETARY WILL STAY IN ZAIRE AN EXTRA 24 HOURS AS RESULT.

HE DID NOT NAME THE COUNTRIES, BUT U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE IDENTIFIED THEM AS USSR AND NIGERIA, WHICH EARLIER CANCELLED A PLANNED KISSINGER VISIT TO LAGOS. GHANA, WHICH WAS ADDED TO THE LIST TO REPLACE NIGERIA, INFORMED THE U.S. YESTERDAY THAT ITS HEAD OF STATE . . . WAS ILL. U.S. OFFICIALS DISCOUNT THAT REASON.

IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, DR. KISSINGER SAID U.S. HAD NOT COMPLAINED TO GHANA, NIGERIA OR USSR OVER CANCELLATION, SAYING DECISION WAS UP TO GHANA. AND, IN ANSWER TO ANOTHER QUESTION, HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK IT WAS IN THE POWER OF THE USSR TO SABOTAGE HIS 2-WEEK AFRICAN TOUR.

PARENTHETICAL IN STORY: IN ACCRA, GOG DENIED ITS CANCELLATION OF VISIT RESULTED FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE. GHANA NEWS AGENCY QUOTED GOVERNMENT STATEMENT SAYING THAT UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES HAD INTERVENED TO MAKE VISIT INAPPROPRIATE. "IN THE EVENT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS REGRETTABLY HAD TO REQUEST THE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT" STATEMENT SAID. END PARENTHETICAL.

KISSINGER SAID POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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RHODESIA STILL EXISTED, EVEN IF ARMED COMBAT HAS BROKEN OUT BETWEEN GUERRILLAS AND RHODESIAN SOLDIERS. "THE COMBAT WILL HAVE TO BE ENDED BY NEGOTIATIONS. THE MORE RAPIDLY THAT TAKES PLACE, THE MORE LIVES WILL BE SAVED."

EARLIER TODAY, KISSINGER MET MOBUTU FOR TALKS AND THEN SAILED WITH HIM ON WHITE, THREE-TIERED RIVERBOAT UP THE WEED-CHOKED ZAIRE RIVER, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CONGO. THIS EVENING, HE AND NGUZA SIGNED COMMUNIQUE CALLING FOR U.S. SUPPLY OF DOLLAR 5 MILLION WORTH OF COTTON ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS. COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID TWO SIDES HAD DISCUSSED U.S. FINANCING OF POSSIBLE DOLLAR 20 MILLION SALE OF AMERICAN MINING EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRE.

TELEVISION:

(1) NBC: CHANCELLOR: THE UNITED STATES IS BLAMING THE SOVIET UNION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S VISIT TO GHANA. GHANA CALLED OFF THE VISIT, SAYING ITS CHIEF OF STATE WAS SICK. ONE OF KISSINGER'S STAFF MEMBERS CLAIMS THE RUSSIANS HAVE BEEN AGITATING IN GHANA AND SAYS THERE WILL BE A FORMAL PROTEST TO MOSCOW.

GHANA SAYS THE TRIP WAS NOT CANCELLED BECAUSE OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE. (NO VALERIANI)

(2) ABC: REASONER: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HELD PRIVATE TALKS WITH ZAMBIA'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU DURING A RIVER CRUISE TODAY. LATER HE OFFERED THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS TO SECURE SWIFT BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. (NO KOPPEL)

(3) CBS: CRONKITE: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S VOW THAT THE U.S. WILL PRESSURE RHODESIA TO ACCEPT BLACK MAJORITY RULE HAS BEEN MET BY SKEPTICISM IN BLACK AFRICA AND CRITICISM IN WHITE-RULED SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IN KINSHASA, ZAIRE, TODAY KISSINGER OFFERED THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE U.S. IN THE PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER IN RHODESIA. NOW, THAT USUALLY MEANS AN OFFER TO CONDUCT A SHUTTLE-TYPE DIPLOMATIC MISSION, BUT KISSINGER SAID THERE WERE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO DO THAT AND HE ADDED "NOR AM I SAYING THAT I WILL PERSONALLY BE THE PARTY CONDUCTING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD OFFICES."

KISSINGER'S HARSH WARNING TO THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA SIGNALS A SHIFT IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND IS THE SUBJECT OF ERIC SEVAREID'S COMMENTARY:

SEVAREID: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER OPENED UP COMMUNIST CHINA TO AMERICAN DIPLOMACY 6 YEARS AGO. HE HAS NOW OPENED UP ANOTHER CONTINENT-SIZED REGION -- SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. THE BENEFITS, THE TRIBULATIONS, THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME ARE AS UNCERTAIN IN THE LATTER AS IN THE FORMER. HIS SPEECH IN ZAMBIA WAS A BLOCK-BUSTER. IT WAS STARTLINGLY SPECIFIC AFTER YEARS OF AMERICAN NON-POLICY IN BLACK AFRICA. WE ARE MOVING OUR INFLUENCE AND SOME OF OUR MONEY INTO AN AREA THAT ONCE WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EUROPE -- AN AREA WHERE EUROPEANS KNOW THE SCORE FAR BETTER THAN WE. BUT THIS IS BEING DONE, IN PART, BECAUSE OF EUROPEAN NON-POLICY AND NON-ACTION. EUROPE DESERVES THE ADJECTIVE "ISOLATION-IST" FAR MORE THAN THE U.S. IN LARGER PART KISSINGER IS DOING WHAT HE IS DOING AS A COUNTER TO THE SPREAD OF SOVIET POLITICAL IMPERIALISM WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLOYING ITS OWN WEAPONS AND CUBAN BODIES IN THAT PART OF AFRICA. KISSINGER WANTS TO CHECK THAT PROCESS IN THE INTERESTS OF GLOBAL BALANCE OF POWER, PSYCHOLOGICAL AS WELL AS MILITARY. HE IS THROWING AMERICA'S FULL WEIGHT AGAINST WHITE MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND PRESSURING SOUTH AFRICA TO GET ON WITH THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF ITS APARTHEID, SEPARATE RACES SOCIO-POLITICAL STRUCTURE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE TO AVOID A VIOLENT SHOWDOWN.

IT MAY BE TOO LATE, ALREADY, FOR RHODESIA. IF IT IS, THEN

THE RUSSIAN POLICY, WHICH MEANS ARMS AND TROOPS AFTER ALL,
WILL OUTWEIGH AMERICA'S POLICY OF TALK AND ECONOMIC HELP.

MR. KISSINGER WAS MUCH SOFTER ON SOUTH AFRICA, SAYING
QUITE CORRECTLY THAT THE WHITES THERE ARE NOT COLONIALISTS;
THEY ARE AFRICANS THEMSELVES HAVING SPENT GENERATIONS
BUILDING THAT COUNTRY, PROVIDING IT, LIKE THE MORE NEWLY
ARRIVED WHITE RHODESIANS, WITH EVERYTHING THAT IS WORTH
ANYTHING IN 20TH-CENTURY TERMS.

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BUT WHITE RULE IS FINISHED IN RHODESIA, ON ITS SLOW WAY
OUT IN SOUTH AFRICA. THE TRICK WILL BE TO WORK OUT RACIAL
COEXISTENCE THAT WILL AVOID ECONOMIC RUIN AND IMMENSE
BLOODLETTERING.

KISSINGER ALSO MADE A BASIS TO THE CONCEPT OF AFRICAN
UNITY, AS A KENNEDY STATE DEPARTMENT USED TO TALK ABOUT
"PAN-AFRICANISM." THAT PROSPECT IS DIM. THOSE NATIONS
WILL, SOON ENOUGH, ENTER THE PHASE OF CROSS-BORDER WARS
BETWEEN THEMSELVES, AS THEY FAITHFULLY OBSERVE THE NATURAL
LAWS OF THE NATIONALISM THEY LEARNED FROM THE WEST.

HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT RACIAL JUSTICE IN AFRICA. HIS BLACK
LISTENERS TOOK THIS TO MEAN THE BLACK-WHITE EQUATION. AT
ANOTHER TIME, PERHAPS, HE MIGHT COMPLETE THE CONCEPT TO
INCLUDE THE BARBARIC BLACK TREATMENT OF EAST INDIANS AND
THE BARBARIC BLACK TRIBAL WARS OF EXTERMINATION. IN AFRICA
TRIBALISM IS A FORM OF RACISM.

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